

SNOW PACK BUILDING UP IN SIERRA

Storms of the past week that brought rain to the valley area and snow into the foothill country resulted in a heavy snow fall in the higher mountains and an increasing snow pack from which farmers can expect to draw irrigation water during the coming summer season.

Figures from the office of the Sequoia National forest in Porterville show about seven and one-half feet of snow in the Sierra at the 10,000-foot level, with 60 inches of snow at Shirely meadow.

Rain Also

Camp Nelson has 30 to 36 inches; Quaking Aspen about six feet; the Mineral King guard station, six feet; Farewell Gap, eight feet; Wolverton about five feet and in the area of the Rouch ski run on the slope of Jordan peak, about six feet.

Snow at high levels is said to be freezing and packing to provide a source of summer water during the irrigation season.

Nearly three-quarters of an inch of rain fell over the past week-end in the Porterville vicinity, bringing the season total to 2.75 inches, according to records of Frank Daybell. Heavier rains occurred in the foothill country.

DIME DRIVE PROGRESSING

Favorable progress on the March of Dimes campaign in the southern Tulare county area is reported this week, with Bill Califf, general chairman of the Porterville area, urging all persons to return their coin holders by mail without delay.

Under the direction of the Porterville Lions club, street contributions have passed the \$500 mark; money is accumulating in March of Dimes containers throughout the community and a number of organizations are sending in contributions.

One half of the funds raised in Tulare county remain in the county, the other half goes to the national foundation for care of infantile paralysis victims.

ENGINEER MEETING DATE CHANGED

Date for a general meeting at which representatives of the United States Army Corps of Engineers will discuss various aspects of the proposed Success dam has been changed from February 21, with the new date not yet announced, since the February date conflicts with the Porterville chamber of commerce banquet. The meeting is planned for the Porterville city hall.

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PORTERVILLE HAS SUNSET LEAGUE TEAM

By HARRY BRITTON

Porterville took the step this week and we now have a baseball team in the Sunset league along with Reno, Las Vegas, El Centro, Mexicali, Riverside, San Bernardino and Salinas. The season will open about the first of May and will run into the middle of September with 63 home games.

The Porterville club has signed a business manager, Norman De Weese, who acted in that capacity last year for San Bernardino. He has a good baseball background, having played for Oakland and San Francisco of the Pacific Coast league in addition to having managed two teams in organized ball.

Negotiations

Negotiations are under way for Tommy Loyd, who managed Reno into second place in 1948 and won the playoff series. He is a terrific hitter, bashing 26 home runs last year and rapping the apple at a 360 clip. He stands six feet three inches and is a highly aggressive leader.

Now we need a name for the Porterville team. Send in your suggestions to the Porterville chamber of commerce and if you pick the right one, you get a season pass. Keep the name short, since it will go on the front of the baseball shirts.

Stock For Sale

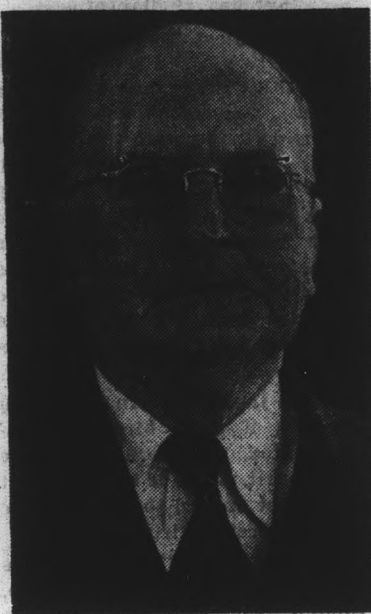
We are 10 grand short of our objective of \$25,000 for a properly financed club, but everyone at a directors' meeting a few nights ago voted to go ahead anyway on the premise that the showing to date indicated that the job can be done. A fan club has been organized and (Continued on Page 8)

Irrigation Hearing Date Set Feb. 8

Petition for formation of the Porterville Irrigation district will be officially presented to the Tulare county board of supervisors at 10 a. m., February 8, in the Tulare county courthouse.

The area of the proposed district is general between Newcombe road, Italy road, Poplar highway and the Lindmore discombe road, Italy road, Poplar ated districts excluded. All persons interested may appear at the February hearing.

Chairman



W. B. KIGGENS, Lindsay rancher and a long-time resident of the Lindsay community, who has been elected chairman of the Tulare county chamber of commerce. (Farm Tribune photo.)

POLAND SALE TOMORROW

A heated pavilion will be provided for the sale of Poland China gilts that is being conducted tomorrow (Saturday) by Rolla Bishop of Monache Farm and Roy Southwick of the Barnswick ranch at the Tulare county fair grounds in Tulare, and a hot lunch will also be available prior to the sale.

Thirty bred gilts and two Fall boars, from the same blood lines that produced grand champion animals at the major stock shows in California during 1948, will be offered at the sale which is scheduled to open at 1 o'clock. George Bell will be the auctioneer; Bud Jackson, manager of the Farm Bureau Marketing association, will act as clerk.

Terms of the sale are cash on the grounds and recorded pedigrees will be furnished by the seller for all animals. Top gilts from the 1948 spring farrowing have been selected by Mr Bishop and Mr. Southwick for the sale offering.

The Irrigation Districts Association of California has been ruled out as an opponent to court validation of the Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation district contract with the bureau of reclamation for Central Valley water.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS DISCUSS AREA WATER PROBLEMS; URGENCY IS STRESSED

Committee members representing the city of Porterville and farmers in the area adjacent to Porterville met Wednesday evening to further discuss the possible formation of a district through which the benefits of

Central Valley project water may be secured for the city and for the farming area that lies generally between the Vandalla and Lindmore Irrigation districts and between the line of the proposed Success dam and the proposed Porterville Irrigation district.

Outlining and commenting on various types of possible districts was Harry Riddell, engineer for the South San Joaquin Municipal Utility district. Pros and cons of conclusion of the city of Porterville in a district, if a district is formed, were considered, but no definite decision on this matter or as to type of district was reached.

Water Limited

Pointed out at the meeting was the fact that only a limited supply of Central Valley water is still available for contract and that unless some type of action is taken soon, this supply will also be taken by other districts.

Opinion seemed to be that a municipal utility district has certain advantages over other types of districts in event the city area of Porterville is to be included. A County district seemed to have advantages over other types of water districts in event the city area is not included.

City Position

Considerable discussion centered around the question of whether or not the city of Porterville should be brought into a municipal district, or any other type of district.

Attending the meeting were Porterville mayor, Kenneth Threlkeld, city manager, Harold Corbin, city engineer, Irvin Althouse, city attorney, Waldo Burford, city council, J. Andy Rogers, and Dable Frost, Victor Bowker, Lester Lamkin, L. N. Carpenter, Guy Knupp, Jr. and Norman Vossler.

REALTORS MEET

W. Ed. Wallace of Oakland, president of the California Real Estate association, will speak at Berkshire's Palm cafe in Porterville next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock before officers and members of the Orange Belt Board of Realtors. Allen Bayse, Orange Belt president, will preside at the dinner meeting.

FAIR GROUP MEETING SET

Committee chairmen to handle the Second Annual Tulare County Junior Livestock Show and Community fair that will be held on the Porterville high school grounds in conjunction with the school patrons' day May 13 and 14 will be named at a meeting of the Porterville chamber of commerce fair committee scheduled for next Wednesday evening, February 2.

Other matters that will be up for discussion and action will include procuring of facilities, program, general organization and the handling of commercial and other types of displays.

During the past week, members of the fair committee met with the student council of Porterville high school to further clarify certain aspects of the fair, with the general arrangement being that May 13 will be devoted to the Patrons' day program, but with the fair exhibits open while May 14 will be devoted to the fair program, but with Patrons' day exhibits open.

4-H Charter Meet At Prairie Center

A 4-H club charter meeting will feature a regular meeting of the Prairie Center Farm Bureau to held this evening (Friday), beginning at 7:30 o'clock at the Sunnyside elementary school.

A demonstration in agriculture and clothing will be staged by 4-H boys and girls and a Farm Bureau Petroleum program, consisting of a travelogue film, will be shown through the courtesy of William Frizell, district supervisor of the General Petroleum corporation.

Refreshments will be served during the evening by the Prairie Center Farm Bureau.

COAST PREMIER OF DISNEY SHOW SET FOR PORTERVILLE FEB. 13

West coast premier of the Walt Disney motion picture, "So Dear To My Heart," filmed along the Tule river just east of Porterville about two years ago, will be held at the Monache theatre in Porterville, with a five-day run opening February 13, according to an announcement this week by Theatre Managers Everett Howell and James Howell.

A number of southern Tulare county residents appear in the picture as extras and during the time that the company was on location in the vicinity of the old Cottonwoods dance hall, local people were employed by the Disney company.

Store Moved

The old Plano store, and other buildings, were moved to the location for use on the set

rancher, provided many of the old-time vehicles and farm animals used in the picture.

"So Dear To My Heart" is a combination live action and cartoon feature that stars Burt Ives, Beulah Bondi, Harry Carry, Luana Patten and Bobby Driscoll. The picture, done in technicolor, is based on the book by Sterling North and is classed by Mr. Disney as "a new kind of motion picture."

For the past several months, the picture has been receiving national publicity as a build-up for its release.

OLD BALL TEAM

Picture of a Woodville baseball team that played about 60 years ago will be featured in next week's issue of The Farm

LINDSAY CLUB WOMEN OBSERVE CENTENNIAL DAY



MEMBERS OF The Worthwhile Reading club of Lindsay, dressed in old-fashioned, western costumes, observed the club's Centennial day at the home of Mrs. E. E. Squire last Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Squire and Mrs. M. Deets as co-hostesses. Shown, left to right, are: Mesdames R. I. Clearman, Guy Webb, K. A. Burnell, Sam Miller, Ed. Page, M. Deets, Chester Dowell, Martin McLees, Walter Cairns, Charles Olsen (of Pixley, who spoke on Early California and the Mother Lode Country) William Gardner, J. M. Early (a guest) E. E. Squire, V. B. Smith and A. J. Sanderson; kneeling are Mrs. G.

LIVE-VIRUS PE VACCINE LIMITED IN NEWCASTLE DISEASE CONTROL

By A. S. ROSENWOLD
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Vaccination against Pneumoencephalitis—Newcastle disease, Pneumo, PE—with the live-virus vaccines has been erroneously greeted as the final answer in the control of this disease. These live-virus vaccines are stop-gap measures. Little thought has been given to the many pitfalls and dangers of these products.

Some problems already have been observed. Though manufacturers of the live-virus vaccines warn against vaccination of laying birds, many poultrymen, who brood more than once a year, had susceptible pullets which were laying. When these birds were vaccinated, mortality and a drop in production occurred.

The table shows the production record, following vaccination, on one ranch. Live-virus

vaccination of 12-week-old birds on one same ranch resulted in good immunity and less than 1 per cent mortality.

Results Varied

Other poultrymen found that production decreased from 50 to less than 25 per cent. In still other flocks, mortality and drop in egg production among vaccinated birds was not very great.

The vaccine sets up a spreading infection so that all unvaccinated birds on a ranch must be immune. In several cases 12-week-old pullets were vaccinated with commercial live-virus PE vaccine. Susceptible laying pullets were left unvaccinated. The vaccine infection spread to the older pullets, resulting in a greater than 10 per cent death loss and a drop in production from 60 to under 10 per cent.

If vaccination was done after production started, egg quality

has suffered. The full effect of live-virus vaccines, used before or during production, on egg quality, on future productivity or growth of birds, and on subsequent hatchability and fertility is not known. There is good evidence that a natural outbreak of Pneumoencephalitis—Newcastle disease—is harmful to the birds. Live-virus vaccination probably has similar effects.

Subject To Misuse

The live-virus vaccines, like everything new, are subject to misuse. One abuse noted is the attempt to stretch the vaccine to treat more birds as is often done with fowl pox vaccine. Both vaccines are applied by the stick method. However, it has been noted that not nearly as many so-called extra doses are provided with PE live-virus as are frequently found with pox virus.

Since the PE vaccine infection spreads, if some birds are unvaccinated, considerable trouble may result. Little is known about the effect of bird-to-bird passage of the vaccine virus.

The mixing of PE live-virus vaccine and fowl pox vaccine, though successful on a few ranches, is another abuse. Such procedure results in diluting both agents with the possibility that no immunity to either disease may be obtained.

Further, manufacturers recommend that only birds in good health be vaccinated, since it was noted that if another disease affected the birds at the time of vaccination the mortality rate and nervous symptoms increased.

Immunity Question

Although claims indicate that live-virus PE vaccines confer life-long immunity, no data have been presented to show that vaccinated birds are immune for even one year. No report to date offers proof that these vaccines protect birds against field exposure.

The immunity is assumed, probably with good reason since natural infections result in solid

immunity. However, the formalin-killed vaccines provided treated birds with good protection from challenge in the laboratory, but did not adequately protect the birds against field exposure.

Laboratory and field trials indicate that live-virus, used on chicks under four weeks of age, may cause high mortality. Further, vaccination at that age may not provide even a good challenge immunity. Therefore, live-virus PE vaccines should be used only on birds one to four or five months of age.

Live-virus PE—Newcastle disease—vaccination is an attempt to live with the disease rather than to eradicate it. There is no record of any disease having been eradicated by the use of live vaccine. The indiscriminate use of live-virus vaccines in areas where the disease has not been definitely diagnosed—and this can be done only in a laboratory—may lead to the introduction of the disease and new problems.

Increased Cost

Moreover, the introduction of PE—Newcastle disease—live-virus vaccines into such an area will increase the cost of production of poultry for many years as vaccination should be an annual process.

These vaccines have been compared to laryngotracheitis and pox vaccines but such comparisons are not sound. Laryngotracheitis and pox vaccines, as used, are fully virulent. Properly used, they are not particularly dangerous to poultry. The PE virus used is modified to lower than ordinary virulence and if it became altered to higher virulence disastrous disease outbreaks would follow its use.

The mere fact that Newcastle disease or pneumoencephalitis virus varies greatly in its effect on birds, and often becomes modified under natural conditions, should provide a warning that the vaccine may readily become dangerous.

It is not known how the vaccine strains of virus, which cause little mortality when first used, may behave after bird-to-bird passage in the field for a few generations. It is entirely possible that dangerous strains, causing high mortality, may develop from them.

PROPOSED BUDGET OVER A BILLION

Budget for the state of California, as proposed by Governor Earl Warren, amounts to \$1,060,187,939, with the amount to be raised through new taxes on liquor, tobacco and horse racing and with major state taxes going back to the pre-1943 level.

GILT PROJECT IS STARTED BY YOUNG FARMERS

A gilt project, for the benefit of Future Farmers of Porterville Union High School and Strathmore Union High, has been authorized by the Porterville chapter of the California Young Farmers and will be started as soon as heads of the two school agricultural departments are ready to accept the hogs.

A bred gilt will be given to each of the school departments, who in turn will give the animal to a deserving Future Farmer. The boys receiving the gilt will return another gilt to their chapter from the first litter farrowed by the project gilt to keep the project operating.

Breed of hog will be determined by requests of the heads of the two school agricultural departments.

Half-Brother Of Farnsworth Bull Brings \$36,000

A record price for an eight-month bull—\$36,700—was paid for a half-brother of M. W. Prince Astor 11th, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Farnsworth, Polled Hereford breeders of the White River country.

The sale was made last week at the National Western Livestock show in Denver, Colorado.

Vegetables Hit By January Cold

Latest report from the state department of agriculture indicates that 120,000 acres of California vegetables were hurt by the cold weather of early January, with damage ranging from "very slight" to "total loss."

About 32,000 acres of vegetables in the state suffered serious damage, it is reported. Temperatures as low as 17 degrees were officially recorded in some vegetable growing areas.

LAND VALUES SHOW DECLINE

Land values in California, during November of 1948, were five per cent below the previous year, according to Farm Advisor William E. Gilfillan, who points out that California, Florida and Delaware are the only three states that have shown such a decline since 1947.

L. D. Flory, chairman of the Tulare county PMA committee urges all grain growers to consider the building of sufficient storage space on their farms to take care of their anticipated 1949 crop.

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For The Ladies . . .

"LATE CHRISTOPHER BEAN" OPENS FEBRUARY 1 AT THE BARN THEATRE

Mrs. J. V. Miller, of Strathmore, will play the lead role of Abbie, a maid, in the Porterville Barn Theatre production of Sidney Howard's comedy, "The Late Christopher Bean," that opens the evening of February 1 for a week's run. Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

Also appearing in the cast are three students from Bennington College in Vermont, who are associated with the Barn Theatre for the winter season as part of their school training program: Richard Deacon, who has had professional stage experience in summer stock and on Broadway, as Dr. Haggett; Mary Lou White, as Ada Haggett and Elizabeth Greenman as Susan Haggett.

Ebbert Back

Mrs. Ella Hargett, a teacher in Porterville's Olive street school, has the role of Mrs. Haggett; Bill Lund of Porterville plays the part of Tallant, a "smooth operator;" and Dick Ebbert returns to the Barn Theatre stage as Warren Creamer, a housepainter who visions himself a great artist.

The Barn Theatre cast of "Night Must Fall," recently completed at 15-night road tour through towns of the southern San Joaquin valley—a tour that brought considerable favorable

comment from various newspapers of the valley, including editorial appreciation by The Fresno Bee.

The Barn Theatre is located on south H street in Porterville.

Main Dish For Potluck Dinner Given

When you are called upon to take a main dish to a potluck dinner or picnic, try the recipe below. Like so many dishes of this type, ground beef is the principal ingredient, however, this recipe gives a somewhat different flavor and the dish is good reheated if you have any left over. The recipe serves 13 to 20 persons.

1 green pepper, chopped
1 c chopped celery
1 pkg. noodles
½ lb. sharp cheese
1 c whole kernel corn
1 large onion
1½ lbs. ground beef
1 c tomato soup or 2 c. tomato sauce

Olives or mushrooms if desired
Saute pepper, onion and celery until tender. Add ground beef to this and stir until brown. Cook noodles in boiling, salted water until tender then drain. Add

Southern Pacific Train Robbery At Goshen In 1890 Is Reported By Old Newspaper

(Porterville Enterprise, January 25, 1890)

The southbound Southern Pacific train, on leaving Goshen for Los Angeles was held up by two masked men last Tuesday morning at 4:30. It appears that they got on the tender of the engine and from what Fireman Lovejoy says, covered him with their guns, at the same time following him back to the engine.

Engineer Depue, who did not see what was taking place, happened to turn at that moment and found himself also covered by a shotgun. Before he recover from his surprise, he was told to fill up the boiler, one of the robbers making the remark that they "did not want the boiler to go dry."

Train Stopped

After going some distance from Goshen, the engineer was ordered to stop the train, which he did only too quick. They were then taken to the express car and told to make the messenger open the door.

The messenger was then told to put all the money in the car in a sack which one of the robbers had brought with him. Just at that time, a tramp, giving the name of Jonas Christianson, who had been concealed somewhere about the car, essayed to crawl away, but was seen by one of the robbers and immediately shot in the head. He was not killed, however, little hope is held for his recovery.

Leave Train

After the robbers had obtained all they needed, they left the train without molesting any of the passengers and ordered Fireman Lovejoy to walk behind and carry the sack. After having walked some distance from the head of the train, the sack was taken from him and he was told to return and not dare look back. He was unable to tell which way the robbers went.

Whilst the robbery was taking place, the employees on the other parts of the train came forward to ascertain the cause of the stop, but were immediately ordered to return, which they did, and in order not to scare the passengers, told them that the engine was temporarily disabled.

It is thought that about \$10,000 was taken, but really, nothing definite is known.

Search Party

One of the robbers is about six feet high and wore a dark hat, brown overalls and shoes. The other was about five feet seven inches in height and wore a dark slouched hat and blue overalls. They both wore long masks that covered the whole of their face and came to their waist. They each carried a shotgun and a revolver.

On arrival of the train at Tulare, a search party was at once organized and started to search for the robbers. Up to the time of going to press, nothing more had been heard.

Barn Theatre Is Casting For Old Time Melodrama

Now casting at Porterville's Barn Theatre is an old time melodrama, "Dirty Work At The Crossroads," or "Tried, Tempted and True," a production that has everything that was dear to a certain type of performance 50 years ago—an oleo, sentimental singing, piano accompaniment, boos, hisses and possibly vegetables.

Director Pete Tewksbury states that anyone interested in appearing in this play, or in working on any of the related production jobs, should contact him. The theatre is located on south H street in Porterville.

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Cotton Export Program Continued

The U.S. department of agriculture has announced that the cotton export program is being continued. The current export subsidy rate of 10 cents per bale also will remain in effect with respect to notices of sale received by the New Orleans PMA Commodity office after December 28, 1948.

Cotton registered for sale under the program must be shipped prior to January 1, 1950. Previously (on June 1), the Department had announced that exporters would have until December 31, 1948, to export cotton under this program.

Dates for the Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition and Arena show at San Francisco's Cow Palace have been set as April 9-14.

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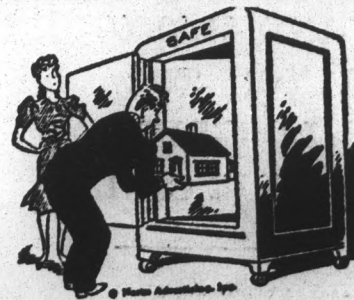
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New Assemblyman Harlan Hagen, 36th district, has announced that he will introduce a bill in the California legislature to increase limits on veterans housing and farm loans.

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SPORT SLANTS



By BILL WHITE, JR.

Ever play croquet in the snow? Don't bother putting in a call to the local pecan factory for the boys in the white coats, because the question isn't as crazy as it sounds. It so happens that for the past 8 years a group of mallet maestros in Detroit have been playing a series of regular croquet matches all through the refrigerator months. Croquet may be a wicket game that flourishes in the shirt-sleeved days of summer, but apparently there's no law against jockeying a swollen wooden marble around a course that's knee deep in fluffy white snow. Like eating ground glass, it's a matter of taste. When wintertime puts the deep freeze on nature there are all kinds of sports for all kinds of people. Some like to ski, skate, toboggan, play hockey, go for sleigh rides, or sit home by a nice warm fire reading travel folders. And some people play croquet. It's that simple.

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SHOOTIN' NEWS

By O. J. McNiece

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Ever have a desire to sneak for the bench in the garage or the workshop far from the whoop and holler of Junior and his pals, and away from the sharp eye of the little woman who thinks hubby should be masseur to a batch of after dinner dishes? You have! Well grab that old Springfield or Enfield 30-06 that you purchased through the National Rifle association and let's start re-modeling her into a fine sporter for next falls deer hunt.

First thing on the program is to take off that military stock with all of its excess hardware and get ready to start inlaying it into that new semi-inlaid stock blank that you bought. You will probably need a set of carving chisels and a tube of blue or black colors, in oil. With the finger or a small brush lightly coat the underside of action and barrel and place it in the new

stock. Remove and observe points that action and barrel show contact.

With your various chisels start removing the wood where necessary and repeat this process until fully inlaid. (Usually several weeks of night work for the amateur) Upon completion of the inside, next comes the outside. With suitable wood rasps and sandpaper a few more nightly sessions, with due regard for the type of sights you are planning to install, will see the outside finished.

Now if you have not become discouraged and carted the whole job off to your local gunsmith, or the little woman hasn't put a stop to your nightly sessions, you are ready for sights and metal work. After completion of this work and oil finishing the stock you should be about ready for that big eight pointer you missed last year.

HALF TON OF WRESTLERS MEET AS BLIMP MATCHES ZEBRA KID

Roughly a half ton of wrestlers, and "rough" is the right word, will meet next Monday evening in the Porterville Green Mill arena when the 640-pound Blimp tangles with the masked 305-pound Zebra Kid.

Anything is guaranteed to happen and it is just possible that Mr. Blimp may be the one who unmasks Mr. Zebra, the idea being that in order to perform the unmasking, someone must first beat Mr. Zebra.

Blimp Popular

The Blimp drew the largest crowd of the season two weeks ago when he appeared at the Green Mill arena. The Zebra Kid has proved to be a highly unpopular character, however, he has succeeded in winning all his Porterville matches to date.

In the second part of the double main event, Golden Boy meets Paavo Katonen, the Flying Finn in a bout that should produce some legitimate wrestling.

ling, since these two put on an excellent bout in last week's tournament. In the opener, Bob Corby meets Mike Nazarian, who gets meaner and meaner with each appearance in Porterville.

The announced bout in which the winner of last Monday's tournament was to meet Gorgeous Billy Darnell for the junior world's heavyweight championship, was postponed because of a last minute rematch engagement of Mr. Darnell in southern California.

Abolition Of Game Management Farms Is Urged

Abolition of "game management farms" in California is urged in a resolution, passed last week-end by the Central California Sportsmen's Council requesting that legislature direct toward this end be proposed by State Senator J. Howard Williams.

The sportsmen contend that the game management farms, operated by individuals for the benefit of "member" hunters, attract game birds that are planted outside the farm areas and that hunters on these farms are killing game, particularly pheasants, that were planted for the benefit of the general public.

Hunting season for pheasants, on these farms, extends over a period of 60 days, it was pointed out, as compared to the 10-day open season in other areas.

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Porterville High Meets Visalia In Two Basketball Games Tonight

By MICHAEL TORIGIAN

Porterville's high school Panthers and Cubs journey to Visalia tonight, to meet the Pioneers and the Voodoos respectively, with the Panthers rated even with the Pioneers and the Voodoos holding a slight pre-game edge over the local Cubs.

Over the past week-end, the Panthers dropped two games, one a league tussle to the Tulare Redskins, 55-37, the other a non-league affair to the Bakersfield Drillers, 29-24.

In the Tulare game, Tom Lampi, Redskin forward, set a school

scoring record with 25 points, while Ed Ashley led the Panthers with 12 points. The former Tulare record was held jointly by Bob Mathias and Dick Drilling.

At Bakersfield, the Panthers held a half-time lead, but could not cope with a late-game Bakersfield rally. Don Trueblood led the Panthers at Bakersfield with eight points.

The Cubs dropped both week-end games, losing to the Tulare Papos, 44-23 and to Bakersfield, 56-26. At Tulare, Bob Whittier scored 10 points for the Cubs.

JORDAN SLOPE DRAWS VALLEY SKI ENTHUSIAST

(Contributed)

While thousands of winter sports enthusiasts are swarming into ski areas from Emigrant Gap to Sun Valley, and from Big Bear Lake to Donner Pass, a small group of pioneers are having a lot of fun watching the development of one of the most promising areas of them all, and within little more than an hour's ride from home. This is the Jordan Peak slope, being developed by the Rouch Sawmill company, reached by way of Springville and Camp Wishon, where transportation is furnished to the area.

Jordan slope, elevation 7,000 to 9,000 feet, has in its undeveloped state everything the skier looks for. Its northern exposure, free from the alternate ice and slush of a sunny slope, insures a run of uniform powder snow. A rope tow has been installed for experienced performers, and a shorter one near the camp, for beginners and "bunnies." Accommodations at the camp are comfortable, but not deluxe. There are bunks for about forty people, and meals are served all guests making reservations at very reasonable prices.

Two weeks ago about 40 people visited this area, most of them repeaters, as all who try the run are sure to become. From Porterville were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bowker with their family and a group of friends, Allan Leslie, Greg Fitzgerald, Bill Dugan, Kieth Smith, Bob Grismer, Chas. Buchannan, Walter Esslinger, Arthur Bell, Myron Wilcox, Carl Kidding, Eugene Searle, Bob Searle, Knight Goodrich, Tom Jones, and Bob Tanner; Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd of Lindsay with their children, and John Bandy; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hennies and daughter of Visalia; LaVerne and Helen Lowery of Strathmore; and Mr. Hardesty of Ducor.

Mr. Hardesty, formerly of Idaho, was strong in his praise of

GOLDEN BOY WINS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Golden Boy, after taking some agonizing punishment in the form of eye gouging, finger biting, slugging, kicks and hair pulling, pinned the mad Rumanian, Mike Nazarian, who dished out the agonizing, to win a seven-man wrestling tournament last Monday evening in the Porterville Green Mill arena.

The Golden Boy beat Paavo Katonen and Frank Gonzales to advance into the final bout of the evening. In other preliminaries, Gonzales beat Frank Hickey, Bob Corby beat Hans Schultz and Nazarian beat Corby.

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Follow Manufacturer's Recommendation In Use Of Dormant Oil Sprays Says Advisor

By A. D. RIZZI
Assistant Farm Advisor

Dormant oil sprays for the control of scale insects on deciduous trees should be used at the full strength as recommended by the manufacturers in order to get effective results.

In recent years growers have been encouraged to reduce the dosage by oil spray handlers and in some cases to even substitute light weight oils originally intended for summer foliage sprays. This has resulted in almost complete failure to control the scale or even effectively reduce the population.

Check Conditions

Deciduous fruit growers who contemplate the use of dormant oil sprays should first make sure

of the condition of their trees when the oil spray is to be applied. In considering these requirements the most important features are as follows: The soil should be amply supplied with moisture before dormant oil sprays are applied; dormant oil sprays should not be applied during extremely cold periods in order to avoid injury, especially to plum trees.

Application of dormant oil sprays should also be avoided during periods of extremely high temperatures during the winter months and dormant oil sprays should be applied before there is any appreciable bud swelling in the trees.

Oil sprays should be used at the full recommended dosage even if the scale population is light. It requires just as high an oil concentration to kill a few scale as it does to kill the individual scale in a high scale population.

Terra Bella District Election Next Wednesday

Three members of the board of directors of the Terra Bella Irrigation district will be named at an election to be held next Wednesday, February 2, with polling place to be the irrigation district office in Terra Bella.

Poll will be open from 12 noon to 6 P. M. Incumbents who have filed for reelection are: Clarence Bradford, Ralph Tyrrell and Henry Thiesse.

California Aeronautics commission reports need for development of airplane dusting techniques to eliminate hazards to livestock, bees and vegetation.

Baseball Meets Tonight

Subscribers to the Porterville baseball fund that is being used to bring a Class C Sunset league team into the community in addition to any other interested persons, will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Porterville city hall to plan a final drive for funds.

The baseball committee is shooting for a \$25,000 bank account to start the season and about \$10,000 is still needed. Persons interested in purchasing an interest in the ball team should contact the Porterville chamber of commerce.

Rotary Rig On Oil Well

A heavy rotary rig is replacing the cable tool outfit on the Hudson-Fay No. 1 well being drilled south of Porterville near Deer Creek by the Hudson Oil Company, Inc., according to information released this week.

With encouraging showings in the well, the new outfit will be placed on a 24-hour per day drilling schedule. The Myers Drilling company of Bakersfield is handling the rotary operations.

New Directors Are Named For Woodville Chamber

Four new directors have been named by the Woodville chamber of commerce to serve for the next year—Walt Sommer, Kirby Wyllie, John Hawthorne and Troy Hutchinson.

Election of officers is slated for the near future and annual banquet of the Woodville chamber is being planned for April.

DISPLACED PERSONS GOING ON FARMS

Farmers who might be interested in the procedure by which European Displaced Persons may be brought into the United States for employment in agriculture, should contact Humanity Calls Inc., 509 So. St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, 5, California.

YOUNG FARMERS TO CONVENTION

Guido Lombardi and Julius Damann are among members of the Porterville chapter of the California Young Farmers who will attend a state convention of the organization to be held in Fresno 3, 4 and 5.

FARMERS MUST FILE WITH BUREAU

Farmers who paid more than \$600 to help during the year must file forms 1096 and 1099 with the Bureau of Internal revenue prior to February 15, 1949.

CELEBRATION. Sixty years of activity, as one of the oldest civic groups in the San Joaquin valley, was commemorated by the Visalia chamber of commerce with a special program and dinner in the civic auditorium Monday evening.

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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT TALKED FOR PIXLEY, EARLIMART

Further discussion of the formation of a soil conservation district in the Pixley and Earlimart areas will be heard at a meeting set tentatively for February 8 at 8 P. M. at the L. A. Franklin residence, with Sven G. Anderson, of the California Soil Conservation commission to meet with a farmer group at that time.

Initial steps toward formation of a district were taken recently when Bill White, L. A. Franklin, Kenneth Beck, Russell Hesse, Merle Howard, Jack Phillips, Nick Abramoff and Pete Pelasini met to discuss such a move with Assistant County Farm Ad-

visor Ralph Worrell and Floyd O. Tumelson, of the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation service.

Matters that could be handled through such a district include the making of detailed soil surveys for farmers; engineering for land leveling and irrigation and surveys to determine lands best suited to particular types of crops.

The proposed district under consideration would include about 8,000 acres, it is stated. At the February meeting it is expected that details relating to operation of a soil conservation district will be discussed.

Rhode Island Red And Leghorn Crosses Results In Increased Egg Production

By W. F. ROONEY

Assistant Farm Advisor

Cross breeding in chickens has appeared in the news as a result of some research work recently completed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Cross breeding experiments with Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns resulted in increased egg production.

Unselected Rhode Island Red pullets averaged 219 eggs while White Leghorn pullets averaged 221 eggs. Crossing the Red Male and Leghorn female, 229 eggs were obtained. Crossing the Leghorn male and Red Female, 250 eggs were obtained. Inbred lines showed a lower average egg production and an increase by cross breeding to slightly higher figures.

Vigor Increase

Crossbred chicks usually have a definite increase in vigor, more rapid growth, indications of lower mortality, and increased egg production. Egg size usually approaches that of the better parent. Broodiness in crossbred birds is oftentimes greater than in either parent.

Most crossbreeds lay a tinted or cream colored egg which sometimes commands a lower price on certain markets. Parent stock should be of reasonably good quality to insure good results. An example of a crossbred chicken commonly used in this area

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ALTON WOODY WINS F.F.A. CONTEST

Alton Woody, Strathmore high school Future Farmer, won a sectional public speaking contest last week in competition with Future Farmers from Tulare and Kings counties. His subject was, "Agricultural Mechanization."

Maynard Sommer, Porterville Future Farmer, placed second in the contest, his talk dealing with, "Vertical Farm Diversification."

J. V. Miller, of Strathmore has the part of Davenport, a distinguished art critic and Charles Haener will appear in the role of Rosen, an unscrupulous art dealer. The play is being directed by Pete Tewksbury.

Cattle slaughter in California for the first 11 months of 1948 was 219,000 head below the same period in 1947; calf slaughter 109,000 below the same period in 1947; sheep and lambs slightly lower and hog slaughter somewhat higher.

State Senator J. Howard Williams has presented 21 new measures to the current state legislature, all but one of them dealing with methods of keeping records in the offices of county recorders. The other measure would make it a misdemeanor to fake deafness for the purpose of panhandling.

Food production in the United States can be doubled by 1970 through proper use of soil conservation methods, according to Hugh H. Bennett, head of the United States Soil Conserva-

TULARE COUNTY NEWS REVIEW

CHAMBER HEAD. Carlton Massey has been elected president of the Exeter chamber of commerce. He succeeds Morris Dunkin.

NICHOLS NAMED. New president of the Woodlake chamber of commerce is W. L. Nichols, who succeeds W. E. Root.

Elected. Ernest Korte has been reelected chairman of the Tulare chapter of the American Red Cross.

MOTOR POOL. A central motor pool through which Tulare county's 55 passenger cars would be checked out serviced and repaired is being considered by the county board of supervisors.

NAMED. Jack Hollis, Porterville city building inspector, has been named president of the newly-formed San Joaquin Valley chapter of the Pacific Coast Building Officials conference.

REPORT. Final report of the Tulare County Grand Jury is expected in about two weeks, following completion of an audit report by J. C. Rambo.

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MEETING. Visalia has been selected as location for the 1950 convention of the California Jersey Cattle club.

PRESIDENT. New president of the Tulare chamber of commerce is H. Clay Rogers. Retiring president is Howard Buchanan.

COYOTES. Nine coyotes were taken in Tulare county during November and December by state trappers. State total was 535 coyotes trapped.

HOSPITAL BIDS. February 8 is the day that bids will be opened on the new health department office building, laboratory clinic and dairy inspectors office on the Tulare county hospital grounds in Tulare.

DISTRICT. Final count in the voting to unite the Tulare and Visalia Union High School districts into a single junior college district was 2,388 in favor; 560 opposed.

SPONSORS. The newly-formed Springville Lions club will sponsor a Cub Scout troop in Springville.

SALARY. A salary increase to \$7,200 for the Tulare county district attorney and an increase to \$6,300 for the county auditor will be asked in a resolution that is being prepared by County Counsel Leroy McCormick for action in the state legislature by Senator J. Howard Williams and Assemblyman Harlan Hagen.

ROBERT BENNETT HEADS COMMITTEE

Robert Bennett, Vandalia district citrus grower, has been named chairman of the orange show committee of the Tulare county chamber of commerce.

SENATE ASKS FOR FREEZE REPORT

The California state senate has asked the state department of agriculture to report as fully as possible the extent of crop damage resulting from the recent freezing weather in Central and Southern California.

BONDS VOTED. A unanimous vote—51-0—favored a \$15,000 bond issue for improvement of the Alta Vista school district facilities east of Porterville.

PLANS. Mapping of the year's program will be the principal item of business at the first 1949 meeting of the Terra Bella chamber of commerce, scheduled for tonight in the Terra Bella elementary school cafeteria, according to President Carl Cheadle.

CONVENTION. A subdistrict 20-30 club convention will be held in Tulare, February 5 and 6.

APPLICATIONS. Old age security applications in Tulare county totaled 936 for the first two weeks in January as compared to 92 for the month of January a year ago.

SIDEWALKS. Sidewalks on County Road No. 21, from the Woodville elementary school to the Woodville-Porterville highway, have been completed as a project of Tulare county.

SHIFT. The Tulare county welfare department will be moved to the former Old People's home in Visalia, making room for moving of the county law library, thereby making room a courtroom for Judge Frederick Stone and allowing the county clerk to use space vacated by the law library.

J. Howard Williams On State Senate Agriculture Group

J. Howard Williams, of Porterville, state senator from Tulare county, has been named to the agricultural committee of the senate. He is serving with Senators George J. Hatfield, Merced county; R. R. Cunningham, Kings county and Hugh P. Donnelly, Stanislaus county.

In addition, Mr. Williams is vice chairman of the senate committee on labor and a member of the senate committee on transportation.

McINTIRE HEADS CREDIT UNION

W. W. McIntire has been re-elected chairman of the Tulare County Pomona Grange Credit Union. Other officers are: A. P. Kirkpatrick, vice-chairman; Mrs. Edward Hill, clerk; Mrs. Lottie Taggard, treasurer; Mrs. Louis Michalk, board of directors; supervisory committee, L. N. Carpenter, W. J. Liebau, and Mrs. John Mayfield and loan committee, H. H. Taggard, Mrs. Charles Schaffer and Earl Rogers.

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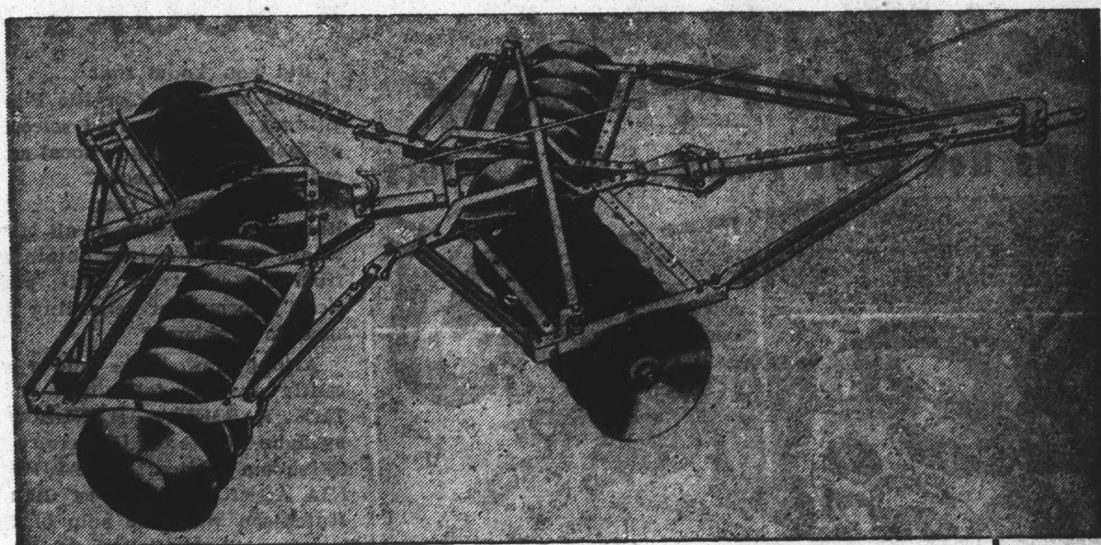
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THERE'S PLENTY BUZZIN' COUSIN ALONG ABOUT THE FIRST OF MAY

Residents of southern Tulare county can just about pick their entertainment in Porterville along about the first of May, now that the community has decided to go ahead with its plan for organized baseball and bring a class C Sunset league team into town.

The baseball season will officially open early in May, also the season on umpires, which should provide plenty of entertainment for the baseball fans of the southern county area.

And on May 7 and 8, the great Porterville Roundup, a top notch professional rodeo, will hold the week-end spotlight and the following week, May 13 and 14, the Second Annual Tulare County Junior Livestock Show and Community fair will be held in conjunction with the annual Patron's day at Porterville high school.

Along with all this, it is likely that the hot rod boys will be getting spring fever and we suppose the Porterville Barn Theatre will be moving outdoors for the opening of its summer season. And of course, softball will be getting into swing, and we hope band concerts will be resumed.

So it looks to us as if there will be more doing per capita in Porterville next spring than in any town in the valley, and that means residents of the southern Tulare county area can pick their entertainment and find plenty of it right in their own back yard.



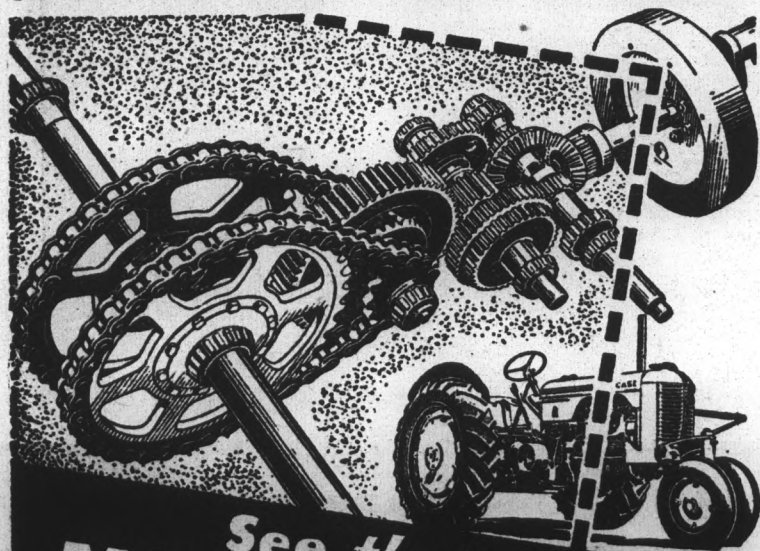
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According to reports from North Tule and that neighborhood, deer stalking is still going on, notwithstanding the fact that it is illegal to kill deer after the 15th day of December.

Now it seems to us a peculiar thing that men who look upon themselves as sportsmen have such a lack of common sense as to hunt game out of season. Surely they have must be aware of the fact that nature can never "increase and multiply" under such conditions and that the ultimate result of their cupidity will be extermination.

Now it is the solemn duty of every American who is a witness to the slaughtering of game out of season to report same to the proper authorities, since, by their utter selfishness, these so called hunters are thinning our woods, forests and mountains of their natural inhabitants to such an extent that very soon we will have nothing at all but squirrels and spiders left.

"Git Thar Eli" McClellan is a man of enterprise, and evidently never allows an opportunity for doing business to slide by him. Last Saturday, a man waltzed into Alexander & Goodman's new store to buy an overcoat, but McClellan, having none that would fit the would-be purchaser, asked him to wait a moment and he would fix him up.

So, going to his room, he returned in a few minutes with his own overcoat across his arm. Trying it on, the stranger remarked that it was just his size and the trade was made then and there to the satisfaction of the customer.

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Did you know that . . . the shelves of the Porterville Public Library carry a varied selection of books pertaining to local agriculture and its needs?

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Among new books added recently are the following: THE FARMER'S HANDBOOK, by John White; a University of Oklahoma publication. CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE, by Claude Hutchison with the help of the members of the College of Agriculture at the University of California, and a two volume CITRUS INDUSTRY, a 1948 publication off the press of the University of California.

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Roadmaster Brown has put a force of men to work preparing the new road leading from Frazier valley road between Newman's and Lewis' houses to a point above H. M. White's, thereby shortening the distance to Mountain View by some four miles.

Miss Mary Graham, and her brother, John, are on a visit to Henry Gardner at Fountain Springs.

If those prairie chickens and wild turkeys are turned loose in the north Tule county like folks are talking about, they will be exterminated before self a neat cottage on his five-acre tract on the Tipton road.

Lem Wilson killed a large eagle at Jack ranch last Tuesday. It measures nine feet from tip to tip and was shot with a Winchester.

John Sutherland has just completed the digging of a 22½ foot well on his Fountain Spring ranch, from which he gets a fine stream of pure water.

We notice by a sporting paper that Willard M. a half-brother of Captain Hayes' Pilot Wilkes came in second in the fastest six heat race ever trotted or paced on a course at Terra Haute. Time, 2:14 at the end of the C heat.

H. D. Willard came to Luke Howeth's ranch last Tuesday and informed him that he has prospected a fine claim on Quido

4-H Club Work Shows State Gain

Projects conducted by 4-H clubs in the state of California jumped 3,000 in 1948 as compared to 1947, according to John Emo, assistant Tulare county farm advisor, with completed projects being increased to nearly 16,000, a gain of 2,348 as compared to 1947.

Much of the credit for the gains, according to Mr. Emo, should go to junior club leaders, who guided 90 per cent of the younger members through a successful year. It is expected that about 1,000 new junior leaders will be added to the 4-H ranks in 1949.

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The Madera Mercury says that Governor Waterfield of California has issued a requisition on the governor of Wyoming for the arrest and delivery of Jim McKinney, a fugitive from justice charged with felony and with injuring the public jail in Tulare county.

Morgan Hensley has disposed of his White River ranch to Mat Flynn and has removed to Woodville.

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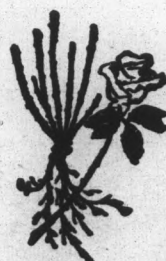
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HOG LOSSES CAN BE CONTROLLED THROUGH PROPER FARM PROGRAM

By ROBERT H. ANDERSON
Assistant Farm Advisor
Carefully kept farm records over a five-year period show that around 14 per cent of all hog feed is wasted because of pig deaths.

The swine industry in the United States is growing, and right now millions of hogs go to market each year. But the alarming ration of 6 to 10 should make every swine producer stop and think. For every 6 hogs that reach market 4 other have died on the way. They die on the farm at different ages, and for many reasons some of which are due to faulty management.

The farmers lose in two ways: Countless hours of time, and millions of dollars worth of feed. The consumers lose in that large amounts of potential pork, hams, bacon and related products fail to reach the market. This is an important factor in California since the demand for pork far exceeds the supply.

There are three critical periods in the development of the hog, before farrowing, the suckling period, and the growing out and finishing stage. In other words, the entire life of the pig until it reaches the packing house.

A five-point program that will

pay dividends in more dollars to the farmers, and more pork to the consumer is as follows: 1. Have brood sows in condition, 2. Give pigs a chance through good facilities and care, 3. Know your feeding, 4. Control parasites, and 5. Control infectious diseases. Saved pigs means saved feed and greater profits.

Citrus Orchards Need Water Now

Many citrus orchards in the county can use a good irrigation now says Clem Meith, Tulare County Assistant Farm advisor. Soil appearances are deceiving in many orchards because the surface soil is moist. However, examination of deeper soil in any orchard that has not been irrigated recently will probably reveal that the soil is extremely dry.

Mr. Meith indicated that citrus trees do not have a high water usage in winter but that they do need available moisture at all times. An irrigation now should carry the trees well into the spring.

CCC LOANS OUT ON 1948 COTTON

California had 65,115 loans on its 1948 cotton crop through the Commodity Credit Corporation for the period extending through December 23, 1948. During the same period the CCC received 2,559,946 notes covering 3,789,296 bales of 1948 cotton in the nation.

Nearly one-half of the nation's farmers, operating two-thirds of the cropland in America, carried on some type of conservation work in 1948 under the Agricultural Conservation program.

Pasture Grasses Meeting Subject

By RALPH L. WORRELL
Assistant Farm Advisor
Forty different grasses and legumes in a pasture variety experiment, including all the varieties adapted for permanent pasture and range in Tulare County, were described at a field meeting this week by the Agricultural Extension service of the University of California.

The meeting was held Wednesday afternoon, January 26, at 3:30, at the location of the pasture variety test, in front of the Farm Bureau Livestock Salesyard office on Ben Maddox Way, Visalia.

One Year Test

This test plot was established just a year ago. Included are all the pasture and range legumes and grasses adapted to this area and also other forage plants

which are frequently mentioned in livestock journals.

There are two purposes for the test; one is to find out how well the different plants grow here, and the other is to enable livestock producers to see for themselves what the different plants look like which they have read about.

Other Meeting

Meetings will be held at the pasture observation plot at intervals throughout the year to discuss plants growing at those particular seasons. At the meeting January 26, winter-growing grasses were shown and described.

The meeting was scheduled at 3:30 p.m. so that ranchers could attend the livestock auction first. The meeting was open to the public with all interested persons invited to attend.

SEVEN IMPROVEMENT STEPS LISTED TO IMPROVE BERMUDA PASTURE

One of the common problems which a dairyman or livestock producer meets is that of increasing the forage on a field containing bermuda grass, reports Ralph L. Worrell, Tulare county assistant farm advisor.

Bermuda produces fair feed but it is lower in food value and has a shorter growing season than certain other pasture plants. Hence, it is advisable to keep the bermuda grass in a pasture to a minimum and maintain a well-balanced mixture of other grasses and legumes. Worrell lists a seven-point program to help accomplish this purpose.

Burn Off

First, burn off the dead bermuda grass to remove as much of the cover as possible. This is necessary to help obtain a favorable seedbed for the desirable plants and to permit the sunshine to reach the ground.

Second, if the pasture has nearly a solid stand of bermuda, work it up thoroughly by plowing and disking, remove the exposed bermuda clumps with a hayrake and then reseed as for a new pasture.

Cultivate

Third, if the bermuda grass has only a partial stand in the pasture, go over the field with a chisel cultivator or similar tool to loosen the soil up sufficiently to form a fair seedbed.

Fourth, broadcast superphos-

Improvement Of Roads Planned

Removal of trees from county road rights of way is now being undertaken as a step toward general road improvement in the 1st supervisorial district is was reported this week by Rodgers L. Moore, supervisor.

Mr. Moore says that on a number of roads, trees, stumps, mail boxes and in some cases even fences are on the county right-of-way. Removal of these obstacles is becoming necessary with increased road use resulting from population increases in the district.

County equipment is available for the removal work, Mr. Moore states.

OUT OF ASSOCIATION

The Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation district has resigned from the Irrigations Districts association of California on the grounds that the association is obstructing and delaying its efforts to obtain Central Valley water. The Irrigation Districts association is legally fighting validation of the water contract of the Lindsay-Strathmore district with the bureau of reclamation—a contract that received 188-1 favorable vote from residents of the district.

Cattle Grub Control Program Shows State Gain

A marked increase in the cattle grub control program in the state of California has been recorded since 1942, when treatment was demonstrated, and in 1943-44 when 10,000 head were treated as compared to 326,267 head treated in the state during 1948.

Every county in California with an Extension service staff is participating in the control program according to Robert H. Anderson, assistant Tulare county farm advisor.

Spotted Poland Hog Herd Started By Strathmore Man

A herd of registered spotted Poland China hogs has been started by Julius Damann, Strathmore rancher, with his herd boar imported from the Henry Leuke herd in Minnesota.

Mr. Damann also has a bred gilt that came from the Marvin Zepher herd at Sebastapol.

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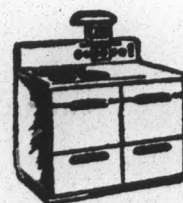
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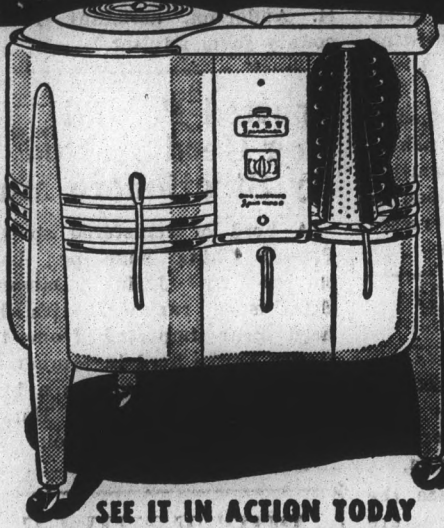
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Thirty-One Porterville Future Farmers Are Participating In Agricultural Home Projects Under School Supervision

Supervised farming projects of students in agriculture science III and IV at Porterville Union High School play a great part in the work of these 31 junior and senior boys who take part in the school-supervised agriculture program.

The enterprise begun in the freshman year are being continued and added to under the development of a long-term farming program being sponsored by the school. Under the incentive of learning better farming practices 23 junior and 8 senior boys are taking part in this program.

Cattle Popular

Cattle, either for beef or milk production, is generally the most popular project for these student farmers. Twelve of the 23 juniors have a hand in some form of cattle project, while hogs, the next most popular program, is the selection of five boys.

The students whose projects are exclusively cattle include Maynard Sommer, who has a registered polled Hereford cow, a registered polled Hereford bull calf, and one feeder steer. Other cattle projects are Jack Boesch's with one registered Holstein dairy cow, one registered Holstein bull calf, and one Jersey calf; Jack Gregg, whose stock consists of two polled Hereford cows, one polled Hereford calf, and one Brahman bull calf; Raymond Chappel, two shorthorn steers; Jim Johnson, a Holstein heifer; Leo Nelson, one Holstein cow and one Angus calf; and Charles Cooper, one Jersey cow.

Beef Production

Three boys are making plans to get into the beef and milk production. These are Ronald Evans, who is preparing to purchase two or three steers. Dick

Woodard, who has been a student at Porterville Union High School for two and a half years has bought a ranch in Humboldt County and will purchase beef cattle when he moves north. James Brown is carrying out a milk production project.

One sow and eight feeder pigs is the stock of Howard Walker, who is concerned with a hog breeding project. Another breeding project is the one including two registered Duroc sows and ten young pigs belonging to Raymond Chappel. Others are: Walter Choate, six Duroc barrows.

Crop projects are being conducted by Bill Van Deelan, who has 21 acres of his own in cotton; and by Ronald Cook, who has 20 acres of wheat. Others in this field are Raymond Chappel, nursery of fruit and eight grape vines; Don Williams, one and a half acres of peaches. Vegetable gardens are being maintained by Lyle Attebury, Ronald Evans, and Billy Gibson.

Chicken Project

Chicken production is being undertaken by Jack Boesch, with 250 white Leghorn fryers; Virgil Snow with 70 white Leghorns and 9 New Hampshires on egg production, and 200 Leghorn chicks ordered for February; and Walter Choate with 100 New

Hampshire chicks five weeks old.

George Parker has 21 head of purebred Suffolk ewes, while Howard Walker has plans to start three lambs.

Two boys, Lyle Attebury and Walter Choate, are caring for bees along with their other projects, while Joe Myers and Bill Durson are doing projects of general farm practice.

Hog Program

The eight students of agriculture science IV are maily interested in hog and cattle projects. Three boys are following these cattle projects: Franklin Browning with a Jersey dairy program, and Alma Campbell with three Hereford steers on a fattening program. Delwin Moench's stock consists of a registered Guernsey cow and a registered bull calf.

Moench and Browning are also carrying on a hog program, Moench with 54 Hampshire hogs for breeding and fattening, and Browning with a Duroc breeding program.

Five of the senior boys are carrying out a farm practice program on their home ranches: David Hunt, Vernon Harris, Harvey Smith, Harold Trich, and Duane Surber.

Do Not Prune Frost-Damaged Citrus

By H. C. MEITH
Assistant Farm Advisor

It will be some time before the full extent of citrus tree damage from the recent freezes will be apparent. There is sometimes an inclination on the part of the grower to prune off damaged wood as soon as it becomes noticeable.

Experience gained from past freezes indicates, however, that no pruning should be done until at least the summer following the freeze. On severely damaged trees numerous sprouts may arise from the main limbs during the first summer after this freeze. Some of these sprouts should be selected to form a new top for the tree, other new growth branches should be disbudded but left on to provide leaf surface.

Whitewashing

There is some controversy as to the value of whitewashing defoliated trees but as a precaution it seems advisable to whitewash any tree that is severely defoliated.

Fertilizing or irrigating heav-

ily frost damaged trees to stimulate their recovery will be of no benefit and may actually be harmful. Since there is less leaf area on a damaged tree, the tree is less able to use nutrients already available. In the same manner a damaged tree will use less water than a normal healthy tree and extra water may only injure the feeder root system and tend to slow the tree's recovery.

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